

NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

1988

ANNUAL REPORT

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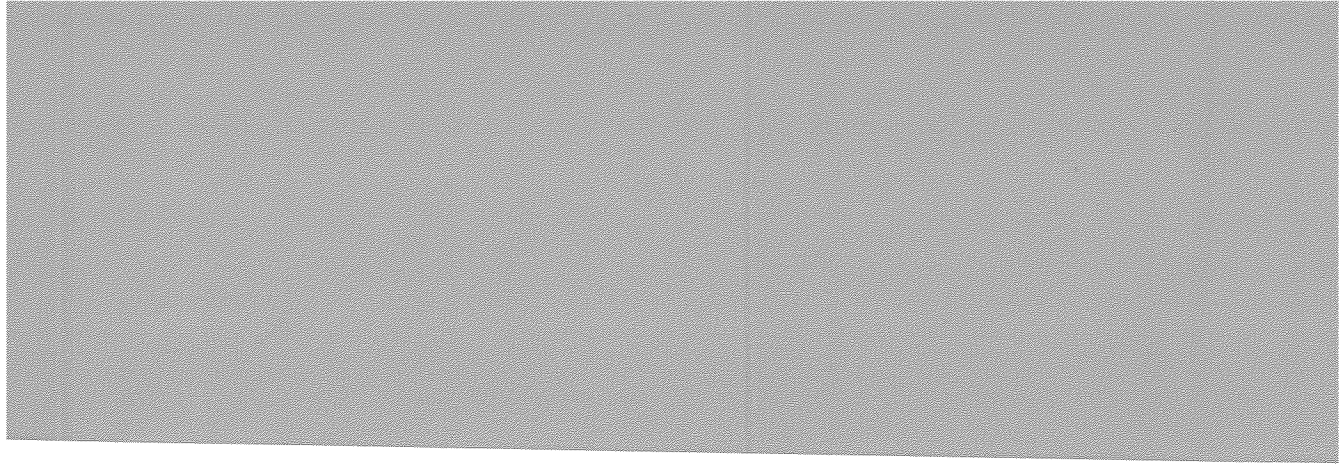
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FIRE CHIEF



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**Fire Department**

1010 18th Avenue  
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Stanley J. Kossup  
Director

March 1, 1989

The Honorable Sharpe James  
Mayor, City of Newark  
City Hall  
920 Broad Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mayor James:

Please find herewith the Newark Fire Department's Annual Report for the year 1988, respectfully submitted for your attention and approval.

The Fire Department's primary goal is the prevention of fire; and when fire occurs, to minimize the loss of life and property.

During 1988, the city suffered the loss of twenty-nine (29) lives due to fire. The Department will further increase its effort in the areas of code enforcement, in-service building inspections by firefighting companies, and fire safety education. Be assured, that the Department will utilize all its resources to reach the goal of a "zero" fire death statistic. During 1989, the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety will be completely reorganized to enhance efforts in this area.

Comparing combined three year statistics reflecting 1983, 1984, and 1985, versus 1986, 1987 and 1988; all major areas have indicated a downward trend, with the exception of motor vehicle fires, malicious false alarms, and non-fire incidents.

During 1989, the Department shall address these particular areas, in addition to fulfilling its primary goals, by forming task forces to research, investigate, and recommend solutions, in an effort to reduce the number of malicious false alarms and motor vehicle fires.

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At this time I would like to express my gratitude for the enthusiastic support of the administrative staff and all members of the Department.

The Department is also grateful for the support received by you, Mr. Mayor, and the Business Administrator, Members of the City Council, and to all Department Directors, for the cooperation in assisting in providing the citizens of Newark with the finest fire protection possible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
STANLEY J. KOSSUP  
Director, Fire Department

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March 2, 1989

Hon. Stanley J. Kossup, Director  
Newark Fire Department  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith is the Annual Report of the Newark Fire Department for the year 1988.

Last year saw a continued decline in the number of structural fires in Newark. While this is good news for the citizenry, the number of non-structural fires and non-fire emergencies increased significantly. Thus, it is clear that the public continues to reach out and utilize the formidable skills and resources of the Newark Fire Department--and our fire-fighting forces--to provide them with a vast array of emergency services. This includes (but is not limited to) firefighting.

Since assuming the office of Fire Chief on April 25, 1988, it has been my duty to lead this Department, to help it fulfill its mission today, tomorrow, and into a future fraught with promise as well as peril. To that end, I have called for specific improvements in the training of our members; strengthening of support services; stricter management accountability; and expanded fire safety education.

Changes that reflect the priorities of the next decade, and the ceaselessly important evaluation of fire conditions, are already taking place. The slogan "Safety Is No Accident" applies to fire safety in particular, and in this area the record of this Department speaks for itself. Today, despite new hazards that are constantly being introduced into our environment, some almost daily, the public is safer from fire than at any time in the history of this City.

Inspections are more thorough and frequent; fire safety education is being sought by--and reaching--more and more of the public; arsonists are being apprehended; our firefighting force continues to be one of the best in the nation; and due to recent legal decisions regarding promotional opportunities in the Department, the morale of our members has shown distinct improvement.

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Sharpe James  
Mayor

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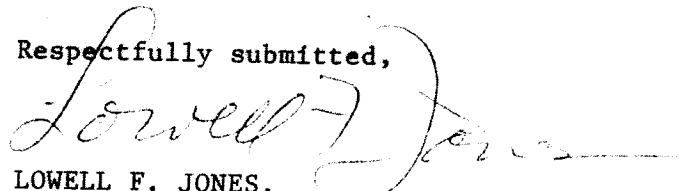
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Overall, I believe we are improving and maintaining a Department in which the Citizens of Newark can have the utmost confidence and pride.

To all the dedicated men and women of the Department, I wish to express my sincerest appreciation for their efforts, assistance, and cooperation during the past year.

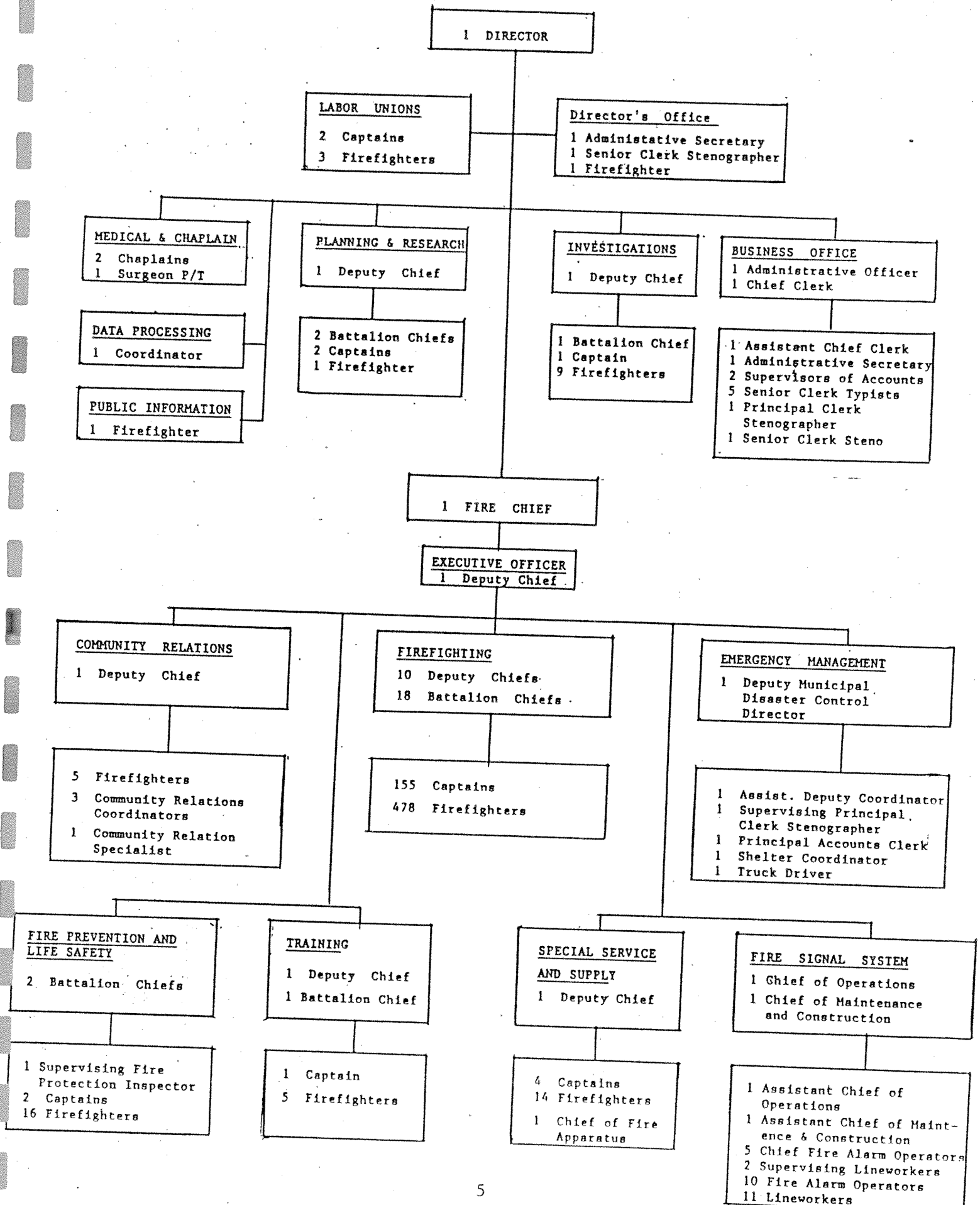
I also wish to thank Mayor Sharpe James, Business Administrator Richard A. Monteilh, Members of the Municipal Council, and to all agencies and City Officials who have, in any way, assisted our department in meeting its objectives and goals during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

  
LOWELL F. JONES,  
Fire Chief

LFJ:JMR  
Enc.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - CITY OF NEWARK, N. J.  
1988 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART - 1988 BUDGETED POSITIONS





CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stanley J. Kossup, Fire Director  
Esther Conrad, Administrative Secretary

William T. Whalen, Administrative Officer (retired 6/1/88)  
Kenneth J. Blaha, Chief Clerk  
Angelina Capriglione, Assistant Chief Clerk

Lowell F. Jones, Fire Chief, U. F. D.  
Alexander J. McGrory, Executive Officer  
Joyce M. Reinhart, Administrative Secretary

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEFS - FIREFIGHTING DIVISION

Division 1 -----	Division 2 -----	Roving -----
James McCormack	Edward J. Chrystal	Cantalora Palestino
Robert John Miller	Robert J. Buccine	(retired 7/1/88)
Edward R. Dunn	John Griggs	John J. Tartis
Albert Maresca	William M. Carragher, Jr.	

BATTALION FIRE CHIEFS - FIREFIGHTING DIVISION

Battalion 1 -----	Battalion 2 -----	Battalion 3 -----
Edward Rydzewski	Leonard Mendola	James Richardson
Frederick Nolan	Robert Gaynor	Kenneth Miller
Richard Meeker	Richard Bitter	James Smith
Frank A. Calvitti	James H. Cody	Anthony DeTroia

Battalion 5 -----	Roving -----
James Finucan	Robert Schimpf
Robert J. Smith	John Higginson
Joseph T. Miller	
Robert Fitzpatrick	

DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY

William R. Kingeter, Battalion Chief  
Carroll W. Henderson, Battalion Chief (retired 5/1/88)  
Richard C. Kelly, Captain

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIONS

James V. Raymond, Deputy Chief  
Louis Formisano, Battalion Chief  
George Daudelin, Captain

DIVISION OF FIRE SIGNAL SYSTEM

John A. Di Blasio, Chief  
Vincent Lyons, Assistant Chief, Operations  
Walter Maszczak, Assistant Chief, Construction and Maintenance

DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICE AND SUPPLY

David J. Kinnear, Deputy Chief  
Walter B. Mueller, Chief of Apparatus  
James P. Clarke, Captain  
William P. Scholz, Captain  
Anthony Graziano, Captain

DIVISION OF TRAINING

Alfred Freda, Deputy Chief  
Joseph G. Ricca, Battalion Chief  
Carl Duerr, Captain

DIVISION OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

John J. Valent, Deputy Chief  
James P. Wilson, Battalion Chief (retired 12/1/88)  
Albert R. Payne, Battalion Chief  
Abnathy Alfonso Mason, Captain  
Eli A. Savarese, Captain

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Joseph J. Pierce, Deputy Chief

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Robert Swales, Deputy Municipal Disaster Control Director

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT SURGEON

Barbara Esquerre, M. D.

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Horton J. Raught

# SIX YEAR STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SERIOUS FIRE INCIDENTS

	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
4th Alarm Fires	3	0	0	1	1	2
3rd Alarm Fires	6	9	6	7	6	14
2nd Alarm Fires	41	64	58	55	61	57
TOTAL MULTIPLE ALARM FIRES	50	73	64	63	68	73
Signal 11 Fires (One Alarm)	367	414	384	370	308	342
TOTAL SIGNAL 11'S AND MULTIPLE ALARM FIRES	417	487	448	433	376	415

# SIX YEAR STATISTICAL INCIDENT SUMMARY UTILIZING THE GUIDELINES OF THE NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEMS [ NFIRS ]

	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Occupied Building Fires	1,911	1,731	1,466	1,322	1,336	1,291
Vacant Building Fires	413	234	239	227	144	197
TOTAL BUILDING FIRES	2,324	1,965	1,705	1,549	1,480	1,488
Vehicle Fires	1,211	1,326	1,711	2,152	2,536	3,033
Other Fires	2,426	2,218	2,364	2,312	2,198	2,017
TOTAL FIRE INCIDENTS	5,961	5,509	5,780	6,013	6,214	6,538
MALICIOUS FALSE ALARMS	9,828	8,770	5,013	4,968	5,977	6,782
NON-FIRE INCIDENTS	4,866	5,065	6,148	5,823	6,227	6,140
TOTAL INCIDENTS	20,655	19,344	16,941	16,804	18,418	19,460

# THREE (3) YEAR COMPARISONS OF MAJOR STATISTICS

	<u>1983, 1984, 1985</u>	<u>1986, 1987, 1988</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
TOTAL ALARMS	65,484	64,158	- 2.0
OCCUPIED BUILDING FIRES	5,108	3,939	- 22.6
VACANT BUILDING FIRES	886	568	- 35.8
TOTAL BUILDING FIRES	5,994	4,517	- 24.6
VEHICLE FIRES	4,248	7,721	+ 81.7
OTHER FIRES	7,008	5,527	- 6.8
TOTAL FIRES	17,250	18,765	+ 8.8
MALICIOUS FALSE ALARMS	23,611	17,727	- 24.9
NON-FIRE INCIDENTS	16,079	18,190	+ 13.1
TOTAL INCIDENTS	56,940	54,682	- 3.9
FIRE DEATHS	71	63	- 11.3

COMPANY STATISTICS 1988

COMPANY	TOTAL ALARMS ANSWERED	TOTAL ALARMS WORKED	EMERGENCY CALLS	HOURS OF ENGINE DUTY	FEET OF HOSE USED	HYDRANTS INSPECTED	DRILLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	HOURS OUT OF QUARTERS	IN-SERVICE BUILDING INSPECTIONS
Eng. Co. 5	1681	545	10	167:00	40,250	342	269	796:00	227
Eng. Co. 6	3074	1098	0	344:00	108,200	310	428	1258:20	702
Eng. Co. 7	2722	988	5	316:20	80,500	282	432	930:00	305
Eng. Co. 8	1095	232	0	169:00	25,735	180	744	765:40	112
Eng. Co. 9	2433	651	0	132:00	58,400	241	413	231:00	419
Eng. Co. 10	2255	936	0	296:50	63,300	524	369	1154:25	302
Eng. Co. 11	2399	647	0	204:33	167,050	480	384	765:25	580
Eng. Co. 12	2531	749	0	788:00	48,100	286	360	812:00	364
Eng. Co. 13	1497	615	0	305:42	28,950	160	407	669:11	131
Eng. Co. 14	1732	839	25	290:00	16,250	269	131	1112:00	118
Eng. Co. 15	2095	726	0	201:50	39,000	372	288	887:00	339
Eng. Co. 16	852	484	1	184:00	25,091	222	395	672:00	209
Eng. Co. 17	1894	502	8	225:00	61,575	447	444	869:00	296
Eng. Co. 18	2326	746	52	251:20	32,450	260	389	954:30	160
Eng. Co. 19	1403	624	23	217:58	27,250	363	377	919:22	233
Eng. Co. 21	970	211	0	63:00	16,700	243	403	452:00	199
Eng. Co. 26	1151	437	0	87:00	16,650	240	401	500:00	286
Eng. Co. 27	1138	368	0	189:00	33,800	378	376	843:45	284
Eng. Co. 28	1153	366	0	94:43	26,950	270	658	508:48	230
Eng. Co. 29	1985	666	0	185:40	54,350	345	413	927:20	408
Rescue Squad	2440	1498	593	--	--	394	899	1632:42	41
Fireboat	85	18	--	4:00	150	--	80	13:00	--
TOTALS	38,875	13,946	717	4,587:11	971,101	6,413	9,060	17,673:45	5,945

# COMPANY STATISTICS 1988

COMPANYS	TOTAL ALARMS ANSWERED	TOTAL ALARMS WORKED	EMERGENCY CALLS	FEET OF LADDERS USED	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE	DRILLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	HOURS OUT OF QUARTERS	NUMBER OF HYDRANTS INSPECTED
Truck Co. 1	2212	780	136	13,984	214	470	1295:00	656
Truck Co. 4	998	275	6	4,571	81	326	853:29	150
Truck Co. 5	2508	832	8	10,009	162	390	1017:00	42
Truck Co. 6	1342	454	0	4,015	213	371	571:00	447
Truck Co. 7	2102	688	10	8,501	238	465	1048:00	203
Truck Co. 8	811	318	19	4,054	226	329	668:00	226
Truck Co. 9	2031	795	0	12,501	1201	451	789:00	274
Truck Co. 10	1814	404	0	6,327	246	384	584:00	160
Truck Co. 11	2077	481	23	10,806	403	410	766:00	275
Truck Co. 12	979	304	0	3,555	311	368	217:03	196
TOTALS	16,874	5,331	202	78,323	3,295	3,964	7,808:32	2629

## BATTALION CHIEFS

BATTALION DISTRICTS	NUMBER OF ALARMS ANSWERED	NUMBER OF ALARMS WORKED	TOTAL DISTRICT INSPECTIONS
Batt. Chief 1	3469	1163	142
Batt. Chief 3	2837	1356	337
Batt. Chief 4	3370	1419	179
Batt. Chief 5	3140	1217	37
TOTALS	12,816	5,155	695

## DEPUTY CHIEFS

DEPUTY DIVISIONS	NUMBER OF ALARMS ANSWERED	NUMBER OF ALARMS WORKED	TOTAL DISTRICT INSPECTIONS
Deputy Chief 1	1731	970	42
Deputy Chief 2	1077	768	121
TOTALS	2808	1738	163

## DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY

William R. Kingeter, Battalion Chief

Fire Prevention and Life Safety works to prevent loss of life and property through enforcement of the New Jersey fire safety and Newark fire prevention codes. Records of all Newark fires are compiled according to the National Fire Incident Reporting System. They are used to determine trends and establish priorities for public education and code enforcement.

This Division aims to eliminate code violations through voluntary compliance and public education. When violations do occur, the Officer-in-Charge issues violation notices and assesses penalties.

The Division also conducts a program, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, of inspection of all multiple dwellings in the City. These inspections check for compliance with smoke detector and secondary means of egress requirements of the New Jersey Hotel and Multiple Dwellings Act.

In addition, Division inspectors provide safety and fire prevention advice during normal inspections, lecture and distribute fire safety literature at community meetings and gatherings, patrol special public functions and issue fire prevention permits for special functions.

# DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY STATISTICS

9-30-89

Total Building Inspections		27,208	
Division Inspectors	18,093		
In-Service Inspections	9,115		
Fire Code Violations Processed		3,402	
Division Inspectors	2,313		
In-Service Inspections	540		
Telephone Calls/Letters	346		
Other Departments	203		
Special Details (Man Hours)		60	
Fire Incident Reports Processed		12,632	
Fire Prevention Literature Distributed		35,000	38,200
Vacant Building Inspections		429	238
Smoke Detector Plans Processed		529	408
Smoke Detector Inspections		1,802	1,125
Smoke Detector Violations Processed	184	436	
Kerosene Heater Violations Processed		19	5
Fire Investigations		132	101
Photographs Taken		1,135	
Plans Examined		765	542
Letters Sent		2,481	1660
Regular Mail	1,476		1,080
Registered Mail	1,005		580
Certificate of Occupancy Inspections		1,407	864
Court Cases Instituted		124	
Violation of Fire Codes			
Court Appearances		543	
Postponed	413		
Dismissed	78		
Bench Warrant	3		
Docketed Judgment	25		
Superior Court	24		
Court Time (Man Hours)		1,629	



DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY STATISTICS  
(continued)

Buildings Registered - Life Hazard Use	1,912	9-30-89
Permits Issued	1,150	560
Continuing Education (Man Hours)	1,112	455
 Docketed Fines - UNPAID	 \$ 274,125.00	 114,225 <sup>00</sup>
Rebate from New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Bureau of Life Safety - PROJECTED	 271,980.00	 136,789.06 142 <sup>ND</sup> qtu.
 Permit Fees Collected	 \$ 42,215.00	 24,201 <sup>00</sup>
Fire Incident Report Fees Collected	7,715.00	4,055 <sup>00</sup>
Penalties Assessed for Building Code Violations	51,349.00	30,752 <sup>00</sup>
	----- \$ 101,279.00	

## DIVISION OF TRAINING

Alfred Freda, Deputy Chief

All phases of Fire Department training, from recruit training to the training of Commanding Officers, are performed by members of this Division. In 1988, training programs for Fire Department personnel ranged from equipment testing and operations to the extrication of victims, and decontamination procedures to coping with hazardous material situations.

This Division has also provided specialty training for other City agencies, non-City agencies, and other fire departments.

The Audio-Visual Unit is used to produce, assist, and enhance most phases of the aforementioned training. Additionally, this Unit performs similar duties for other City agencies.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Division of Training is the Chairman of the Fire Department's Safety Review and Accident Prevention Board. This Board meets monthly and investigates all accidents and injuries sustained by members, in the line-of-duty, and makes recommendations to the Director and Fire Chief.

## DIVISION OF TRAINING STATISTICS

Number of Training Sessions Conducted	116
Hours of Training Instruction	624
Number of Fire Safety Demonstrations	30
Number of Persons Attending Fire Safety Demonstrations	1,220
Number of Apparatus Operators Trained and Certified	29

## DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICES and SUPPLY

David J. Kinnear, Deputy Chief

The Division of Special Services and Supply is responsible for the supply and maintenance of the Department's equipment. The Delivery Service Unit provides twenty-four delivery service, seven days per week for supplies and equipment at incident scenes and all Fire Department locations throughout the City. Other specialty Units test, maintain, and repair breathing apparatus, hoses, ladders, vehicles, the Fireboat, and protective covers for equipment.

The Chief of Fire Apparatus, assigned to Special Services and Supply, serves as the Fire Department liaison with the Repair Shop for the maintenance of the vehicular inventory. Additionally, the Chief of Fire Apparatus maintains records, performs acceptance testing, monitors preventive maintenance of aerial ladders, pumps and fire apparatus.

## DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICE AND SUPPLY STATISTICS

Number of Alarms Answered	146
Pickups and Deliveries	14,445
Gallons of gasoline delivered at fires	85
Gallons of motor oils delivered at fires	27
Gallons of diesel fuel delivered at fires	245
Number of electric generators used	9
Floodlight cables used	16
Number of lights used	14
Number of portable pumps supplied	39
Hours of instruction for pump usage	117
Number of port-o-lights repaired	307
Port-o-light batteries delivered	594
Gallons of foam delivered at fires	750
Number of oxygen cylinders refilled	141

DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICE AND SUPPLY STATISTICS  
(continued)

Air cylinders refilled	14,059
Air cylinders repaired	435
CO2 extinguishers refilled	191
Dry powder extinguishers refilled	157
Masks repaired	2,682
Canvas covers made	81
Smoke ejector - Special Calls	4
Hi-Expansion Foam - Special Call	1
Number of Ladders repaired	29
Number of Apparatus Movements	59
Number of hooks repaired	74
Number of Salvage cover pickups	84
Number of Salvage cover deliveries	136
Number of saws repaired	333
Number of generators repaired	38
Feet of new hose issued	9,550
Feet of hose tested	50,250
Number of hose repairs	236
Number of hose appliance repaired	130

# 1988 COMPANY APPARATUS ASSIGNMENTS

UNIT	YEAR	MANUFACTURER	TYPE
Engine Co. 5	1987	Seagrave	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 6	1987	Seagrave	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 7	1984	Emergency One	1000 GPM Pumper with Telescopic Water Tower
Engine Co. 8	1981	Continental	1250 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 9	1984	Emergency One	1000 GPM Pumper with Telescopic Water Tower
Engine Co. 10	1981	Continental	1250 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 11	1986	Emergency One	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 12	1983	American La France	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 13	1983	American La France	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 14	1976	Hendrickson	1000 GPM Pumper with Telescopic Water Tower
Engine Co. 15	1983	American La France	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 16	1987	Emergency One	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 17	1981	Continental	1250 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 18	1984	Emergency One	1000 GPM Pumper with Telescopic Water Tower
Engine Co. 19	1981	Continental	1250 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 21	1973	Ward La France	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 26	1987	Emergency One	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 27	1986	Emergency One	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 28	1974	Ward La France	1000 GPM Pumper
Engine Co. 29	1981	Continental	1250 GPM Pumper

1988 COMPANY APPARATUS ASSIGNMENTS  
(continued)

UNIT	YEAR and MANUFACTURER	TYPE
Truck Co. 1*	1985      Emergency One	110' Rear Mount Aerial Quint
Truck Co. 4	1982      Seagrave	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 5	1982      Seagrave	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 6	1979      American La France	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 7	1975      Seagrave	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 8	1987      Emergency One	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 9	1986      Emergency One	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 10	1982      Seagrave.	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 11	1986      Emergency One	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Truck Co. 12	1987      Emergency One	100' Rear Mount Aerial
Rescue Co. 1*	1985      Emergency One	Heavy Rescue Unit
Fireboat	1964      Gladding and Hearn	4000 GPM
Haz-Mat Team	1987      Spartan	Hazardous Materials Unit

\* Truck Co. 1 and Rescue Co. 1 are the Department's designated Hazardous Materials Response Units and utilize these vehicles for these special purposes.

## DIVISION OF FIRE SIGNAL SYSTEMS

John A. Di Blasio, Chief, Fire Signal System

### OPERATIONS

This Division receives or processes alarms, and dispatches units to scenes of fires or other emergencies, conducts emergency radio communications, controls the status and movement of all Fire Department emergency response vehicles, and coordinates special requests for emergency responses from other agencies.

### CONSTRUCTION and MAINTENANCE

This Division maintains and coordinates and repairs the Department's fire alarm and telegraph system, which includes all of the signaling equipment in a network of 25 square miles of underground and overhead cable wires. Additionally, this Division maintains the inventories of the components of the emergency radio system.

## DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Joseph J. Pierce, Deputy Chief

This Division strives to foster and maintain the good relations between the Fire Department and the general community. A major function of this Division is the providing of temporary shelter to the homeless victims of fires, in conjunction with the activities of the Red Cross. Another area of major emphasis is that of the Newark Fire Safety Council, advocating fire prevention, emergency training, and safety awareness. Other activities of this Division include a Christmas Toy Drive, Fire Safety Education in the schools and high-rise occupancies, shutting down illegally opened hydrants, and conducting the Department's Affirmative Action Recruitment Program.

The Officer-in-Charge is also the Fire Department's Water Officer, and coordinates the repair and inspection of fire hydrants.

## DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS STATISTICS

Number of dislocated fire victims assisted	1,972
Number of illegally opened hydrants shut down	1,054
Number of Public Fire Safety Education Programs conducted	600
Number of training classes conducted for prospective firefighters	20
Number toys distributed at community functions	6,000
Number of community functions attended	41



## DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIONS

James V. Raymond, Deputy Chief

This Division investigated suspicious and multiple alarms fires, and fires involving fatalities. Additionally, this Division conducts background investigations of prospective employees; internal affairs investigations, and investigates the complaints from and "tips" by Citizens.

The Division maintains cooperative liaisons with other local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Members of this Division must maintain certification by the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice.

### INVESTIGATIONS

	BUILDINGS	NON-BUILDINGS	MOTOR VEHICLES	TOTAL
Arson	93	3	78	174
Suspicious	223	34	728	985
Undetermined	218	39	184	441
Accidental	91	5	13	109
Criminal Mischief	18	27	2	47
Other	114	60	71	245
TOTAL	757	168	1,076	2,001

## DIVISION OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

John J. Valent, Deputy Chief

During the year 1988, the Planning and Research Division provided staff assistance as directed by the Fire Director and the Fire Chief. Assistance was also provided to other agencies when requested.

Areas of activities included, but were not limited to, the following:

### CAPITAL BUDGET PREPARATION AND MONITORING

#### 1986 CAPITAL BUDGET

- 1 New Fire Facilities
  - a) South Orange Avenue and South 9th Street (Engine Co. 6, Engine Co. 11, and Truck Co. 11). Design and site plan work nearing completion, and
  - b) Clinton Avenue and Milford Avenue (Engine Co. 10; Engine Co. 12, Truck Co. 5, Fire Signal System - Construction and Maintenance, and Special Services). Design and site planning work in progress.

#### 1988 CAPITAL BUDGET (REVISED)

- 1 Apparatus Replacement
  - a) Two (2) - 110 ft. Aerial Ladder Trucks;
  - b) One (1) - 1,000 GPM Pumper with Tele-Squirt Accessory,
  - c) Four (4) - 1,000 GPM Pumpers, and
  - d) One (1) - Elevating Platform Work Truck.
- 2 Fire Station Rehabilitation Program
  - a) Engine Co. 21; Engine Co. 26, and Truck Co. 12;
  - b) Engine Co. 27; Truck Co. 4, and Battalion Chief 5,
  - c) Engine Co. 10,
  - d) Rescue Co. 1 and Truck Co. 1, and
  - e) Engine Co. 18; Truck Co. 9, and Battalion Chief 4.
- 3 New Fire Facility
  - a) Clinton Avenue and Milford Avenue (Phase II, Construction).

#### 1989 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

- 1 Apparatus Replacement
  - a) One (1) - 1,000 GPM Pumper;
  - b) One (1) - 1,000 GPM Pumper with Tele-Squirt Accessory, and

## 1989 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST (continued)

- c) One (1) - 110 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck.
- 2 Rehabilitation of Fire Facilities
  - a) Engine Co. 5 and Deputy Chief 2, and
  - b) Engine Co. 7.

### SICK LEAVE AND INJURY REPORTING SYSTEM

Sick and injury leave reports are monitored and coded daily. Reports pertaining to sick and injury leaves are presented to the Director, on a semi-weekly basis.

### MONITORING OF ON-DUTY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

Daily roll call records are maintained for all Companies. Manpower projections are determined for vacation periods and emergencies, along with overtime needs to ensure adequate manpower.

### SCHOOLS, CONVENTIONS, AND SEMINARS

A file and schedule of all upcoming Fire Service educational events are maintained. Arrangements for travel, registration, and expenses are handled through this Division.

### FUEL CONSERVATION (MOTOR VEHICLES)

All motor vehicle fuel consumption, within the Department, is monitored by this Division.

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

This Division submits quarterly reports to the Human Rights Commission concerning all Department activities in the following areas:

- a) Appointments;
- b) Retirements,
- c) Promotions,
- d) Demotions, and
- e) Resignations.

In addition, annual reports of all employment activities and salary listings, on a twelve month basis, from July 1st through June 30th, are forwarded to the Human Rights Commission.

### GENERAL ORDERS, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

This Division completely revised and re-issued the Department's General Orders, and Rules and Regulations during 1988.

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Robert D. Swales, Deputy Municipal Disaster Control Director

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for providing an adequate air-raid warning system, stocked fallout shelter, detailed plans for survival under various conditions, detailed plans for coordinating all resources during emergencies and the continuous updating of all emergency management plans.

This Office also manages the Auxiliary Fire Force. In 1988, the Force consisted of ninety-seven (97) active and one hundred (100) part-time members.

In addition, the Office is Newark's coordinating agency for requesting assistance from other municipal, county and state agencies in the event of catastrophe, hazardous material or other major life threatening incident.

The Office responded to one hundred thirty-seven (137) incidents during 1988.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY UNIT

Lawrence Krieger, Firefighter  
Public Information Officer

This unit's responsibility is to keep the public correctly informed of various events which occurred during the year, through the use of radio, television and newspapers. As the media liaison, responded to fires and other incidents as directed, issuing information in the form of releases to the news media. Photographs were taken and processed as required and directed.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY UNIT STATISTICS

Total Assignment Response	263
Total negatives processed and developed	3,234
Total prints processed and developed	4,060

LABOR RELATIONS UNIT

Gerald Rosamilia, Captain  
President, Newark Professional Fire Officers Association  
Local 1860, I. A. F. F. - A. F. L. - C. I. O.

John J. Gerow, Firefighter  
President, Newark Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association  
N. J. F. M. B. A. Local 4

The Labor Relations Unit consists of representatives from both the Fire Officers and the Firemen's unions. The representatives tend to the job related concerns of their union members and act as liaisons between the Fire Department and the unions.

## BUSINESS OFFICE

Kenneth J. Blaha, Chief Clerk

The Business Office maintains all the financial accounts of the Department, including salaries and other expenses. It is also responsible for personnel records, supervision of the secretarial pool, distribution of Department notices and general orders, control and distribution of the payroll, and it serves as a clearinghouse for all budget related expenditures.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

	1985	1986	1987	1988
Salaries and Other Pay	25,599,433	24,631,847	27,853,896	31,167,264
Other Expenses	470,671	558,991	669,237	1,021,637
TOTAL	26,070,104	25,190,838	28,523,133	32,188,401

# FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGETED POSITIONS

	1985	1986	1987	1988
Fire Chief	1	1	1	1
Deputy Fire Chief	18	18	16	16
Battalion Fire Chief	25	24	25	24
Fire Captain	159	150	116	168
Firefighter	551	562	570	533
Chief Fire Signal System-Operations	1	1	1	1
Assistant Chief Fire Signal System- Operations	1	1	1	1
Chief Fire Alarm Operator	5	5	5	5
Fire Alarm Operator	10	10	8	10
Chief Fire Signal System-Const. & Maint.	1	1	1	1
Assistant Chief Fire Signal System- Const. & Maint.	1	1	1	1
Supervising Lineworker	2	2	2	2
Lineworker	13	13	11	11
Chief of Fire Apparatus	2	2	1	1
Supervising Fire Protection Inspector	2	3	0	1
UNIFORMED PERSONNEL	792	794	759	776
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL	21	27*	29	26
TOTAL PERSONNEL	813	821*	788	802

\* Office of Emergency Management transferred to the Fire Department



FIRE DEPARTMENT VITAL STATISTICS - 1988

APPOINTMENTS IN 1988

April 25th Stanley J. Kossup, Fire Director  
appointed by Mayor Sharpe James

April 25th Lowell F. Jones, Fire Chief  
appointed by Mayor Sharpe James

May 2nd Twenty-three (23) eligibles from the  
New Jersey Department of Personnel List

Joseph F. Publik	John L. Griggs
Edward B. Pimental	Michael Alston
Louis Miele	Raynard L. Adams
Rayvon L. Adams	Robert Serritella
Hiram Acevedo	Michael E. Walker
Robert Restaino	Eric D. Peele
James M. Pisauero	Dennis Samuel
John J. Machiaverna	David S. Greene
Richard F. Camba	Michael S. DeLane
Jerry E. Younger	Joseph A. Schweitzer
Michael A. Gilroy	Albert DeLeon
John J. Caccavale	

PROMOTIONS

December 26th Benjamin V. Ricciardi, Fire Captain  
promoted under N. J. S. A. 11A 5-12,  
recipient of Distinguished Service Cross

## RETIREMENTS IN 1988

January 1st	Capt. James A. Hamfeldt, Jr.	
February 1st	F/F Harry E. Taylor, Jr.	F/F Richard J. Spressler
	F/F Ernest Sharkey	F/F William K. Daly
	F/F Thomas Kelly	F/F Donald MacPhee
	F/F Louis Manfra	F/F Anthony Muscarella
April 23rd	Truck Driver Winston Dove	(Emergency Management)
May 1st	B C Carroll W. Henderson	FAO Memphis H. King
June 1st	Administrative Officer William T. Whalen	
July 1st	D C Cantalora Palestino	F/F Joseph Zjawin
September 1st	F/F Joseph Evaristo	
October 1st	F/F Richard F. Burkhardt	
December 1st	B C James P. Wilson	

## RESIGNATIONS IN 1988

February 24th	F/F Michael E. Knight
April 25th	Fire Director Claude M. Coleman
September 16th	F/F Jeffrey T. Lukawski
October 1st	F/F Richard P. Cuccolo

## SERVICES TERMINATED IN 1988

January 13th	Erma Jones, Senior Clerk Typist
October 28th	Milagros Cruz, Senior Clerk Typist
November 18th	Arlene Constable, Senior Clerk Typist

## DISCIPLINARY DISMISSALS IN 1988

September 3rd	F/F Ronald C. Williams
October 6th	F/F Daniel P. Cahill

## DEATHS IN 1988

July 3th	F/F William T. Knispel
December 23th	F/F Thomas A. Aguanno

OFFICE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SURGEON

Barbara Esquerre, M. D.

The Fire Department surgeon examines all prospective candidates for appointment to the Newark Fire Department, and provides reports to the Director and Fire Chief. Routinely checks the medical records of members on sick or injury leave and submits evaluations to the Director, while remaining available for special consultations as requested by the Director or Fire Chief.

## CHAPLAIN

Rev. Horton J. Raught

During 1988, responded to eighty-nine (89) fires, and when necessary, accompanied injured firefighting personnel to the hospital from the scene of the emergency. Visits were made to hospitals to attend members of the Fire Department who were ill or injured. Additional visits were made to family members were also ill, when notified.

The Chaplain attended all swearing-in and promotional ceremonies of the Department; all wakes for deceased active and retired members, and wakes of their family members.

Participated in conferences with members of the Department or their families.

In May, conducted the 65th Annual Memorial Service for deceased members of the Newark Fire Department at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral and the Firefighter's Monument and Plot in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Additionally, the Chaplain has attended Fire Prevention demonstrations and all other activities pertaining to Fire Department affairs, as well as those sponsored by the Fire Department Historical Association and the Bell and Siren Club, Inc.

## THE BELL AND SIREN CLUB, INC.

The Bell and Siren Club, founded in 1949, is a non-profit, voluntary organization that serves free refreshments to firefighters at the scenes of fires or other emergencies. It funds these activities through membership dues, social functions and the contributions of firefighters in the communities it serves.

The Club has a limited membership of fifty (50) active members. Public officials and candidates for public office are not eligible for membership.

During 1988, the Club responded to ninety-three (93) emergencies in the communities it serves: Belleville, Bloomfield, East Orange, Irvington, Montclair, Newark, Orange, South Orange, and West Orange.

# LOCATIONS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS

FIRE HEADQUARTERS 1010 18TH AVENUE	Office of the Fire Director Office of the Fire Chief Office of the Executive Officer Investigations Division Planning and Research Division Fire Prevention and Life Safety Division Business Office
CITY HALL 920 BROAD STREET	Fire Signal System - Operations Data Processing
PORT STREET AND DOREMUS AVENUE	Labor Relations Equipment Storage
44 MT. PROSPECT AVENUE	Community Relations Division The Bell and Siren Club, Inc.
56 PROSPECT STREET	Special Service and Supply Division
35 MANOR DRIVE	Office of Emergency Management
34 JERSEY STREET	Training Division Fireboat
17-19 PRINCE STREET	Fire Signal System - Construction & Maintenance
188 MULBERRY STREET	Truck Co. 1 Rescue Co. 1 (Hazardous Materials Units)
65 CONGRESS STREET	Deputy Chief Division 2 Engine Co. 5
344 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE	Deputy Chief Division 1 Engine Co. 6
WEST MARKET STREET AND HUDSON STREET	Battalion Chief District 1 Engine Co. 7
296 FERRY STREET	Engine Co. 8
197-199 SUMMER AVENUE	Battalion Chief District 3 Engine Co. 9
33-35 ASTOR STREET	Engine Co. 10
521-523 CENTRAL AVENUE	Engine Co. 11 Truck Co. 11

LOCATIONS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS  
(continued)

213-215 IRVINE TURNER BLVD	Engine Co. 12 Truck Co. 5
714-718 MT. PROSPECT AVENUE	Engine Co. 13 Truck Co. 6 Public Information and Photography Unit
69-71 VESEY STREET	Engine Co. 14
269-271 PARK AVENUE	Engine Co. 15 Truck Co. 7
469-473 FERRY STREET	Engine Co. 16 Truck Co. 8
84-86 CLINTON PLACE	Engine Co. 17
395-399 AVON AVENUE	Battalion Chief District 4 Engine Co. 18 Truck Co. 9
526-528 FRELINGHUYSEN AVENUE	Engine Co. 19
420-438 SANDFORD AVENUE	Engine Co. 21 Engine Co. 26 Truck Co. 12
87-89 ELM STREET	Battalion Chief District 5 Engine Co. 27 Truck Co. 4
691-701 NORTH 6TH STREET	Engine Co. 28
1028-1030 BERGEN STREET	Engine Co. 29 Truck Co. 10

